GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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PM VISIT TO U.S.
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

the follow-up steps taken by the government to implement the various decisions particularly in the area of defence cooperation and establishing a new strategic framework agreed upon during the PM`s visit to U.S.A. in November, 2001?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

The two sides have taken follow-up measures to implement all the decisions taken during the Prime Minister`s visit to the United States in November 2001. In order to strengthen defence cooperation, the bilateral Defence Policy Group met in New Delhi in December 2001. The Defence Policy Group drew up a concrete programme of activities and meetings of other institutional forums of bilateral dialogue on defence matters, which have proceeded on schedule. India and the United States have also resumed defence supplies relationship. India and the United States have expanded their ongoing dialogue on the New Strategic Framework. The inaugural political-military dialogue was held in New Delhi on 30th April. Indian experts have been invited for a bilateral workshop on missile defence in the United States in May 2002 and to observe in another exercise in this area in June 2003.